

Community Newsletter

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From the CEO

The two new staff houses on the corner of Absolon and McMahon Streets, Lake Grace, are now complete and ready for their first tenants. The construction was undertaken by local builders Trevenen Building and Glass using predominantly local tradies and is finished to a high standard. They have generated quite a bit of interest during construction which is a good sign for the builders.

Ordinary Council Meeting 10 February Resolutions as follows:

- Proposed Excision, re-visiting and rezoning of portion of reserve 27740 Stubbs St, Lake Grace for development of Bush Fire Facility.
- That Council, pursuant to sections 4.17(3) and (4A) of the Local Government Act 1995, request the WA Electoral Commissioner to permit the vacancy created by the resignation of Councillor Helen Steicke to remain unfilled until the next ordinary Local Government election to be held in October 2021.
- Under the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) – Phase 2 extension, the Shire of Lake Grace has been allocated a further \$606,913. This funding will be available once nominated projects have been submitted to the LRCIP online portal and approved, and then be spent by 31 December 2021:
 - Solar panels for Lake Grace swimming pool
 - Refurbishment of Newdegate Hall
 - Universal access toilet (UAT) for Lake Grace all abilities playground
 - Upgrade of Newdegate walk trails
 - Battery storage for Newdegate and Lake Grace recreation centres
 - Toilet facility at Jam Patch
 - Lake King walk trail upgrade
 - Install shade and seating at Newdegate silos lookout
 - Newdegate cemetery shade and seating
 - Brick paving at Varley Hall
 - Lighting and power supply upgrade for Lake Grace Hockey field

Negotiations continue to finalise funding and the contract for the extensions and refurbishment of the Newdegate Country Club. Unfortunately the initial tenders came in above budget so much behind the scenes work has been underway to revise the works and costings to make it happen. At this stage it may appear that we are like the duck on the pond, nice and calm with little happening, but under the surface it's a whole other story.

Alan George
Chief Executive Officer

Coming Events

Varley Progress Association AGM
Wednesday 24 February

Lake King Progress Association Meeting
Thursday 25 February

Labour Day Public Holiday
Monday 1 March

Movie Night Lake Grace Croad2
Saturday 20 March

Movie Matinee Lake King Croad2
Sunday 21 March

Yuk Circus Lake Grace
24 May

Ordinary Council Meeting

An Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 24 March 2021** from 3:30pm at the Council Chambers, Administration Building. The Agenda will be available on www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Everyone Welcome

A minimum of 15 minutes is set aside for public question time, giving members of the public an opportunity to ask questions relating to Shire activities.

Community Infrastructure Service

After a hot and steamy few days the clouds opened up and delivered a few ml of rain. Our town dams managed to catch a little bit of run off allowing us to turn the sprinklers back on for a few days to the sporting ovals.

Last week our two new staff houses located in Absolon Street were handed over from Trevenen Building & Glass. A massive thank you to Matt and his team on a stellar construction, even with the delays.



Another big thanks to Jason our Technical Officer for persisting (for months) with the new railway pedestrian crossing at the Mather Street entry.

Infrastructure Services is searching for applicants for a Maintenance Grader Operator, if you know of anyone or would like to submit your resume please contact the Shire office for more details, you can find the advert on your community pages or on the Shire Facebook page.

As I say most fortnights, if you have any concerns within your community, please report to our Infrastructure Admin team and we will try to resolve as soon as possible.

Our staff and contractors have carried out the following works:

Roadworks

The Lake Grace Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Griffin Reward Rd
- Jarring South Rd
- Naisbitt Rd
- O'Neill Rd
- Old Lake Grace Rd
- Treloar Rd
- White Dam Rd

The Newdegate Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Dykes Rd
- Magenta Rd
- Taylor Rd

The Lake King and Varley Maintenance Grader has carried out grading on:

- Long Creek Rd
- Magdahba Track
- Mallee Tree Rd
- Milstead Rd
- Old Newdegate Rd

Parks & Gardens

The Parks and Gardens Crew have carried out the following work:

Lake Grace

- Mowing Shire Admin office lawn and Railway Station lawn
- Lookout tidy up and emptying of bins
- Slashing of Dewar Street
- Rubbish tip tidy up and push up
- Clearing of all townsite drains
- Assist DWER with Dingo Rock Pad installation
- Removal of fallen tree near jumping pillow
- Change out of rural road signs
- Carting gravel for new railway crossing
- Clearing of saltbush around sporting oval
- Clearing culvert on North Newdegate Road

Newdegate

- Newdegate Hall garden tidy up
- Mowing of Football and Hockey ovals
- Marking of lines
- Spray town side verges for weeds
- Watering of main street gardens

Buildings

The Building Maintenance Crew have carried out the following work:

- Installation of Lake Grace Recreation Centre water tanks
- Clear hydraulic oil spill from May Street, Newdegate
- Newdegate Recreation Tank Pad installation
- Repainting of Lake Grace town signs (big maroon blue ones)
- Reinstate bollards to Lake King Pavilion
- Repairs to collapsed culvert
- Renovating Lake King public toilets

Craig Elefsen

Manager Infrastructure Services

Finally, a safe Rail Crossing on Mather St

A railway crossing has finally been installed on Mather St Lake Grace.

Mrs Mary Naisbitt first became aware for the need for a safe rail crossing for those living on Clark Ave, Mather St or staying at the caravan park after moving into town from the farm. She started campaigning for a crossing to be installed while she was on Council from 1996. In 2009 when Cr Ross Chappell came to Council Mary approached Ross about the need for the crossing. He then often brought it to Council and staff's attention, Vanessa Crisp got the footpaths to the crossing giving the Shire a strong case for the crossing completion.

In 2013 Lake Grace Roadwise included a safe railway crossing as part of their 'Footpath Project' and following consultation with Main Roads began campaigning to the Shire in 2016 for the need for safe pedestrian access.

Thanks to the tireless, persistent work from Manager Infrastructure Services, Craig Elefsen

and Technical Officer, Jason Lip and passionate follow up by Cr Chappell the town now has a compliant and safe crossing over a much walked and ridden line.



Above: Mary Naisbitt, Cr Ross Chappell, Jason Lip and Craig Elefsen

As the weather becomes milder a reminder the Restricted Burning period is still in place until Monday 15 March 2021: you will still need a permit to light a fire. To apply for a permit, please contact the Fire Control Officer for your area, who will decide if it is safe for a fire to be lit and may issue you with a permit (FCO) contact details are available on the Shire's website at www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Although it has rained it is still very dry, please be very careful.

2021 shoWcAe IN PIXILS COMPETITION

The annual shoWcAe opportunity is available for any community group to be involved in the exhibition of artwork from Local Governments to be displayed on the iconic 45-metre high digital tower at the heart of Yagan Square in Perth City.

The format of display means our participants are no longer restricted to PVC canvas - creativity is encouraged.

As one of the State's largest ongoing community arts projects, this event is widely acknowledged as being one of the most colourful and vibrant displays throughout the year, and we are very appreciative of the support provided by Yagan Square for this year's competition.

We do hope that a group will participate this year, and to assist you with your planning, we advise you of the following entry schedule:

2021 Entry Schedule

Expression of Interest via email to shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au by Monday, **15 March**

Artwork deadline, to be emailed to by shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au before COB Friday, **23 July**

Displayed in Yagan Square: **Monday, 6 September – Sunday, 26 September***, at 12:00pm each day
(*subjected to change)

Announcement of Winners: **Monday, 20 September**, at the WALGA Convention

If you would like to become involved please contact:

Community Service Officer Cheryl on 9890 2500 or email cmso@lakegrace.wa.gov.au

Community Information

Office Open Hours

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday - Friday
8.30am - 4.30pm
Thursday 8.30am - 4.00pm

Staff can be contacted by phone between 8am - 5pm

Transport and Licensing

All licensing payments are to be made in person at the Shire of Lake Grace Administration office,
1 Bishop Street, Lake Grace.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 8.30am - 4.15pm
Thursday and Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm

As an agency, we process the majority of transactions including: renewals, transfers, number plate orders, boat registration renewals and new licence applications. With every transaction we perform, we try to offer the best service possible.

We do ask all licensing customers to be considerate, even though we are aware of people being 'locals' it does not exempt us from following the rules set by the Department of Transport.

Driving Assessor

The Practical Driving Assessor (PDA) will be at the Shire of Lake Grace Office on:

Friday 5 March 2021

Friday 2 April 2021 - to be confirmed

Bookings are essential for all Practical Driver's Licence Assessments and we advise booking in advance as there is often a waiting list.

All bookings to be made at the Shire office on 9890 2500 until further notice.

Lake Grace has one assessment day each month held on the first Friday of the month.

For more information go to: www.transport.wa.gov.au.

Libraries

Lake Grace Public Library School Place Absolon St
Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm
Closed for lunch 12.30 - 1pm

Newdegate Public Library Collier St
Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 4.30pm
Closed for lunch 12noon - 1pm
Friday 9am - 2pm

Lake King Library Newdegate/Ravensthorpe Rd
Tuesday and Thursday 8.30am - 3.30pm

Town Planner

Planning Officer, David Johnston and Building Surveyor, Gary Bruhn can be contacted through the Shire Office on 9890 2500 or email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

Environmental Health

The Shire's Environmental Health Officer, Brendon Gerrard. Can be contacted via the Shire on 9890 2500 or email shire@lakegrace.wa.gov.au.

Tip Times

Lake Grace

Monday & Wednesday 9am - 2pm
Saturday & Sunday 9am - 4pm

Newdegate

Wednesday 9am - 1pm
Saturday 9am - 1pm

Lake King and Varley

Open every day

Recycling Services

Household Waste Collection is a weekly service and collected each Tuesday for Lake Grace, Newdegate, Lake King & Varley.

Recycling is a fortnightly service and alternates between Lake Grace and Newdegate. See below for the upcoming recycling collection dates.

Lake Grace	Newdegate
Tuesday 2 March	Tuesday 9 March
Tuesday 16 March	Tuesday 23 March

Please Note: There is no kerbside recycling collection service in Lake King or Varley.

The recycling bins are collected by Warren Blackwood Waste and transported to a recycling facility. If items which are not recyclable are found the content can't be recycled and the load will be directed to the landfill.

If an item is covered in food, it is not recyclable. Food is one of the worst contaminators in the recycling process. By using the yellow top recycling bin correctly you are contributing, in a combined community effort, to reduce the amount of rubbish that is directed to landfill facilities each year.

For more information on Waste Management visit the Shire's website www.lakegrace.wa.gov.au.



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